(i) adequate provision of funds for implementation;

(ii) in-depth review of projects on monthly and quarterly basis by the Government;

(iii) follow up with the State Governments in respect of problems relating to land acquisition, rehabilitation related issues, forest clearances, infrastructure facilities, ensuring law and order at project sites, etc.;

(iv) setting up on an Empowered Committee in the administrative Ministries for review and resolving problems of departmentally executed projects;

(v) inter-ministerial coordination for resolving unresolved problems;

(vi) setting up of Standing Committees in the Ministries/Departments to fix responsibility for time and cost overruns; and

(vii) appointment of nodal officers for each projects with continuity of tenure.

Honorarium for Anganwadi Workers

†*244. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the honorarium to be paid to Anganwadi Workers had been increased by the previous UPA Government;

(b) if so, the quantum of increase and since when this amount is being paid to Anganwadi Workers;

(c) whether any complaints regarding irregularities have been received from any quarter; and

(d) if so, the nature thereof and the details of the redressal measures taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) and (b) The honorarium of Anganwadi Workers of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) was enhanced by the Government by Rs.500/- per month over and above the last honorarium drawn by them which varied from Rs.938/- to Rs.1063/- per month. For Anganwadi Helpers of AWCs and Anganwadi Workers of Mini-AWCs, the honorarium was enhanced from Rs.500/- to Rs.750/- per month. The enhanced honorarium is payable w.e.f. 1.4.2008.

(c) and (d) All the State Governments including Government of Uttar Pradesh had been requested to ensure that arrears of enhanced honoraria are disbursed fully. The Government of Uttar Pradesh has confirmed that arrears of enhanced honoraria has been released by the State Government for disbursement. However, a complaint has recently been received from Mahila Anganwadi Karamchari Sangh. State Government of Uttar Pradesh have informed that arrears of honorarium for 11 months w.e.f. 1.4.2008 would be disbursed to the Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers of Behraich District by 7.12.2009.

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